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Record of Congressional Telephone Conversation - Region 5

SUBJECT: OMC/WAUKEGAN HARBOR SF QUESTIONS ID #: 242

CONGRESSIONAL: DATE: 11/05/2007

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OFFICE: REP. KIRK

STATE: IL ACTION FLAG: Y

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DATE RESPONDED:

SUMMARY:

In follow-up to our 10/31/07 letter to the Congressman describing the superfund process that we will follow to address the contamination that remains in Waukegan Harbor, Andria called and said that She said that the Congressman wants to know how much money EPA has spent on general enforcement, specifically identifying any litigation costs, for the OMC superfund site. He also wants to know if we have an OMC related contact, that he can contact re: their expenditures.

She latter sent an email with some additional questions:

Hi Mary,

I have just a few questions so far regarding the Superfund process.

- 1) I know that it's impossible to give timeframe for this project, but do you have any estimation at all of how long each phase may take or even of the whole process? I promise I won't hold you to it ☺.
- 2) Given that we worked pretty extensively on finding a remedial solution to this problem and looked at a couple options during GLLA consideration, will you have to start from scratch on phase I or can you use the info gathered from GLLA?
- 3) What is the payment schedule like? I understand that this project gets weighed against all other projects on the NPL for federal funding, but is there a local cost share piece like there was for GLLA or is it all federal money?
- 4) On a similar note, will you be searching for any other PRP's or did that search end with OMC (this question is based on the recent lawsuit Waukegan is undertaking against Gypsum and LeFarge in their assertion that those companies are continuing to pollute the harbor by dredging up all the contaminants with their boats)?

I think that's it for now. If you'd prefer to discuss this on the phone, I'd be happy to do that too.

Thanks!

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has posed the following questions.

RESPONSE:

Recorded By: Mary Canavan